

## EVIDENCE JAMES PORTLEY

**10/03/1899**

James Portley, supernumerary constable, now doing duty at Gatton, said he made a search of Moran's paddock (where the murder was committed) on the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

He found a strap with a buckle at each end, and a piece of paper a cutting from a newspaper, which he took to be the "Queensland Times."

The cutting was a memorial notice about a girl named Mary Cook, who died at Gatton.

He marked the paper and handed it over for safe keeping. He found the articles near an ironbark tree, on the right hand side of the track from the sliprails to the scene of the murder, and about 33½ chains from the scene.

He subsequently went to the paddock with Inspector Urquhart and two trackers, but did not then find anything else.

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